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Seattle Rape Fugitive Arrested in Las Vegas

On Thursday evening, at approximately 6:00 PM, members of the U.S. Marshal Service sponsored Nevada Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (NFIST) arrested Anthony Martinez, age 30, of Seattle, as a result of a collateral lead from the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT). Martinez was wanted by the Seattle Police Department for Rape of a Child and by Las Vegas Metro Police for multiple other offenses.

In mid-May the King County Superior Court issued a warrant for the arrest of Martinez alleging that he had sexually assaulted a juvenile female on multiple occasions over a period of two years. Seattle Police detectives requested the assistance of the PNWFAT in locating and apprehending Martinez, who they believed had fled to Nevada. It was quickly established that Martinez was indeed in Nevada, and it is alleged that on May 21st he had committed a home invasion robbery where he assaulted a pregnant female and pistol whipped the woman's boyfriend. Martinez was also wanted for the sexual assault of a minor in Las Vegas based on an incident which occurred earlier this year.

PNWFAT investigators, working closely with their counterparts in Nevada, were able to determine a potential location for Martinez. After hours of surveillance, Martinez was arrested at an apartment complex in Las Vegas. Martinez was booked into jail in Las Vegas where he will be facing the local charges against him before being brought back to Washington.

"I am pleased our task forces play a critical part stopping his two state reign of terror over women and children," said U.S. Marshal Eric Robertson. "He is now where he belongs – in jail and away from society."

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, the U.S. Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at www.usmarshals.gov. For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at www.psn.gov.

For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the King County Prosecutor's Office at 206-296-9000.